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As a follow up to your conversation with Dr. Johnson, please see the attached breakdown of the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) for Palm Beach County. This analysis includes an estimate of the current budget proposal (2% reduction) from the Special Session. Categorical items have been highlighted.

I believe our general request is for flexibility. School Recognition, Merit Award, and Teacher Lead allocations should be discontinued and rolled into the Base Student Allocation (BSA). On the remaining categorical items, our school district needs the flexibility to redirect those allocations as needed to meet critical needs. On Instructional Materials, textbook adoptions could be delayed to allow for the redirection of funds. Student transportation is really a moot point. Our district spends double the transportation categorical (\$51 mil. exp. vs. \$26 mil. cat.). But there is a formula for transportation based on ridership and it would not make sense to roll into BSA. Class Size Reduction requirements need to remain at the school level average and penalties for non-compliance lessened or eliminated. Flexibility on SAI and Reading may also be useful during these difficult budget times. The Safe Schools categorical actually benefits Palm Beach and we spend well beyond the allocation.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Enjoy your trip to Tallahassee.

Thanks,
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